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## A post-Soviet Intervening Variable

Strategic Intelligence collects and evaluates information that is important to a change in conventional models:

For example, in Geopolitical =Political; Cultural, Military; and Economic a/o International Relations = Diplomatic, Information, Military, and Economy

Individuals rarely change long-term Geopolitical trends; the system and nation-states' imperatives and constraints drive an individual leader's decisions rather than a leader transforming a nation-state's normative factors or disruptions to the international order. In the US stock market -a fitting analogy- larger timeframes control smaller timeframes. In other words, if the S&P 500 crashes tomorrow or next week, the larger timeframe data supports its better to hold your position. The S&P 500's century of data demonstrates it will recover and yield 7-10% in returns; if you focus on the larger timeframe instead of getting caught in the granular moment; then invisible economic forces will correct the temporary panic. Geopolitics is this way; the larger, almost invisible global trends are more important than a leader's agenda. Yet on the rare occasion, there are intervening variables to a model at the individual level which require attention.

- ✓ The leader of 2003 Georgian Rose Revolution
- ✓ 3<sup>rd</sup> President of Georgia: 2 consecutive terms from 2004 -2013; to include president during 2008 Russia invasion.
- ✓ Emerges from 2014 Ukrainian Maiden Revolution as the 2015 Governor of Ukraine's Odessa.
- ✓ Post-soviet president in the Caucus region; then Governor of province in an E. European
- ✓ Last week, taunted Georgian politicians of his return for elections knowing of his imminent arrest.

**What is up Saakashvili's sleeve?**

